

# RAY J. FISCHER

Phone:  
HUMBOLDT 3112



450 Moselle Street  
Buffalo 15, N. Y.

SPORTS' PROMOTER AND MANAGER  
OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS SINCE 1907

Buffalo, N.Y., August 7th, 1946.

CURRENTLY OPERATING IN  
BASEBALL  
At OFFERMANN STADIUM  
International League Park,  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Seating Capacity, 15,012

•  
HYDE PARK STADIUM  
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

•  
SCOTT PARK  
Hamilton, Ont., Canada

•  
BASKETBALL  
At Buffalo's beautiful new  
\$3,000,000 MEMORIAL AUDI-  
TORIUM, where the basketball  
court and facilities are recognized  
as the finest and most complete  
lay-out in the United States.  
Seating Capacity over 10,000

•  
FOOTBALL  
At Buffalo's magnificent and  
centrally located CIVIC STADI-  
UM, an ideal \$5,000,000 football  
bowl, with a seating capacity of  
35,000, and which can accommo-  
date more than 50,000 when in-  
cluding standing room.

Mrs. Effa Manley,  
Owner of Newark Eagles Base Ball Club  
of Negro National League,  
71 Crawford Street,  
Newark, N.J.

Dear Madam:

As per our long distance telephone conver-  
sation of last midnight, when you have called me up from  
Newark, N.J., and during the course of which we have dis-  
cussed the terms for the proposed games here in Offermann  
Stadium in Buffalo between your club and the New York  
Cubans on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, August 20th and  
21st, 1946, at which time I have explained to you that we  
are unable to give 30 per cent to each of your clubs of  
gross receipts on account of the fact that we have to  
pay 25 per cent of gross receipts for the use of Offer-  
mann Stadium here, in addition to paying for all the help  
used at the park on the nights that we play, including  
ticket sellers, ticket takers, ushers, watchmen, score-  
board operators, public address system operator, matrons,  
electrician, and every other person necessary to be at the  
park whenever base ball games are staged there, -and at  
the conclusion of which long distance conversation you have  
told me that you would contact Mr. Alex Pompez this morning  
and explain to him why we are unable to give each of your clubs  
30 per cent of gross receipts, and that the best that we  
can offer each of your clubs would be 25 per cent of gross  
receipts, -and that you would then either call me up again  
on the long distance phone this morning, or wire me if the

25 per cent of gross receipts for each club would be acceptable to you and  
Mr. Pompez for the New York Cubans, -I received your telegram early this  
morning, stating that said terms of 25 per cent of gross receipts are O.K. for  
the dates of Tuesday and Wed. Aug. 20th and 21st, 1946, and asking me to confirm  
the bookings. I have then immediately wired you as follows: "Received your  
wire. Everything O.K. August 20th and 21st. Sending written confirmation".  
I trust that you received my above repeated telegraphic message O.K., and you  
may use this letter as your written confirmation, of which I am also sending  
a copy to Mr. Pompez to No. 84 Lenox Avenue, New York City, so that he may  
know of the entire transaction between you and I.

In a further explanation to you and Mr. Pompez, I might state here that



Mrs. E.M. #2.

8/7/46.

the only time that I have ever paid first class colored teams thirty per cent (30%) of gross receipts, less Federal Tax, was when such colored clubs would meet a white club here that would'nt have to be paid more than 20 per cent of gross receipts, less Federal Tax. I believe that under such arrangement, both, the Homestead Grays and the Kansas City Monarchs got 30 per cent of gross receipts, less Federal tax, when each of those clubs played the white Fort Niagara team here two or three years ago; then I believe that I paid Mr. Pompey 30 per cent of gross receipts when his New York Cubans played my white Niagara Falls "Day's" here three years ago; and I know that I also paid the Birmingham Black Barons 30 per cent of gross receipts when they, too, played my white Niagara Falls "Day's" two years ago. There are no two clubs (colored) that ever came here to play each other at Offermann Stadium, and got thirty per cent of gross each, less Federal Tax, under any of my promotions, -because that procedure would be impossible in the face of the large percentage (25%) that we have to pay here for the rental of Offermann Stadium, besides being compelled to pay for all the help used at the park, in addition to said 25% of gross; and, if a promoter would spend the necessary sums of money for the proper printing and distribution of placards in Buffalo, Lackawanna, Niagara Falls, Depew, Lancaster, Tonawanda and North Tonawanda, N.Y., and order a proper amount of paid display advertising in the sports pages of the Buffalo Courier-Express, and Buffalo Evening News, so that such promoter would be assured of getting the proper kind of newspaper publicity, as well as taking care of six sports radio commentators, etc.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter, and please rush to me whatever mats you have of your team and individual players, as well as all the publicity matter that you have about your club and individual players, including the names and numbers of your players, -and your starting line-up and batting order.

In view of the fact that your team won the first half championship in the Negro National League this season, and is again leading in the second half, with the New York Cubans as runners-up, and since neither your club nor the Cubans have played here this season before this, I look for two big "bang-up" crowds for your games here with the Cubans on Aug. 20th and 21st; and, even all of us may be surprised by the large turn-outs, especially in view of the fact that there will be no colored base ball in Buffalo from that last game that the Grays and Buckeyes played here a week ago yesterday, or on Tuesday, July 30th, 1946, until your two clubs will play here on Aug. 20th and 21st, 1946, or for a period of three long weeks.

Thanking you for your prompt attention in this matter, and awaiting the mats at the earliest possible time, and then publicity matter, etc., I beg to remain,

Very Truly yours,

*Ray J. Fischer*